

and at least a second housing part, the first housing part having an opening formed therein and being connectable to the second housing part, the opening in the first housing part being a slot-shaped opening defining a longitudinal direction; a device for locking the first housing part and the second housing part to one another, comprising:

A1 a locking element being shaped for and disposed in the slot-shaped opening, said locking element being configured to be movable between a locking position and an unlocking position;

said locking element, in the locking position, connecting the first housing part to the second housing part in at least one of a form-locking and a force-locking manner;

said locking element, in the unlocking position, releasing a connection between the first housing part and the second housing part; and

a blocking element connected to said locking element, said blocking element blocking said locking element from being adjusted at least in the locking position.

A2 Claim 3 (Amended). The device according to claim 1, wherein:

the slot-shaped opening has lateral borders extending substantially parallel to one another;

said locking element has given parts configured to be in contact with sections of the lateral borders; and

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said blocking element operably disposes said given parts of said locking element into force-locking abutment against said sections of the lateral borders of the slot-shaped opening.

Claim 4 (Amended). The device according to claim 3, wherein:

the first housing part has an outer wall; and

said locking element has an actuating surface adjacent to the outer wall of the first housing part and has a sliding and arresting body extending through the slot-shaped opening.

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Claim 6 (Amended). The device according to claim 5, wherein:

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said wall sections of said sliding and arresting body are configured to be movable perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction; and

said blocking element is disposed in said locking element and, in the locking position, operably disposes said sliding

elements of said wall sections into force-locking abutment against the lateral borders of the slot-shaped opening.

Claim 7 (Amended). The device according to claim 6, wherein:

said wall sections of said sliding and arresting body have latching protrusions; and

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said locking element is configured such that, when said sliding and arresting body is disposed in the slot-shaped opening, said wall sections and said protrusions are resiliently disposed along the lateral borders of the slot-shaped opening, said locking element is connected to the first housing part in a form-locking manner and said sliding elements butt against the lateral borders of the slot-shaped opening.

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Claim 23 (Amended). A multi-part housing configuration, comprising:

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a first housing part and at least a second housing part, said first housing part having an opening formed therein and being connectable to said second housing part, said opening in said first housing part being a slot-shaped opening defining a longitudinal direction;

a locking element disposed in said slot-shaped opening, said locking element being configured to be movable between a locking position and an unlocking position and being displaceable between the locking position and the unlocking position;

AP said locking element, in the locking position, connecting said first housing part to said second housing part in at least one of a form-locking and a force-locking manner;

said locking element, in the unlocking position, releasing a connection between the first housing part and the second housing part; and

a blocking element connected to said locking element, said blocking element blocking said locking element from being adjusted at least in the locking position.

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